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In re the Application of

Takaaki NODA et al. Group Art Unit: 1792

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND APPARATUS FOR

PROCESSING SUBSTRATE

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND <u>TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17</u>

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired <u>January 8, 2009</u>, an extension of time for a period of <u>one</u> month is hereby requested.

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